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Please let me know when your birthday is!



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Dear _____

PRAYER: Almighty God, our Father, we thank Thee for this means of keeping in touch with Thy children. Draw us closer together with Thy love and help us to honor Thee with our service. Bless all those who shall read our church paper and strengthen our faith. Help us to read the Bible, to pray, and to attend our local church. Amen

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: Undoubtedly, many of you were wondering why THE CLARION CALL has not come to your mailbox since May 25, 1943. The reason is that your pastor took a church business trip to COLORADO and WYOMING for about six weeks. I was invited by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to go into Colorado and to work among the niseis with DR. JOHN A. FOOTE who is the missionary to the Japanese in that state. My trip had a two-fold purpose:

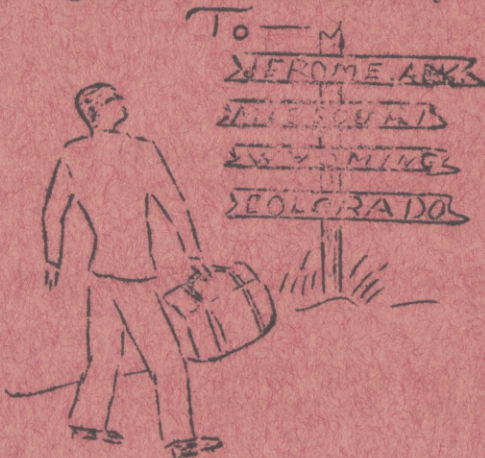
- (1) To contact relocated folks, also our people in other Relocation Centers and encouraging all to attend local church in their own community.
- (2) To contact local church groups, encouraging them to accept nisei into their congregation. Public relations work in behalf of the nisei.

Early in the morning of Tuesday, June 15, I left our Rohwer Center for the "outside". Incidentally, I went "inside" again at Jerome Center which was my first visit there since coming to Arkansas. It was a hurried one day visit and I caught the train at night along with about seventeen others who were relocating. The journey from Jerome to St. Louis, Missouri was hot and tiresome. The train was so crowded that I was fortunate to be able to sleep on the dining car floor during the night. I visited Berkeley friends and the W.R.A. office and Y.M.C.A. in St. Louis and had interviews concerning relocation of evacuees.

Arriving in Kansas City, Missouri, again visited the W.R.A. office and there met three nisei girls who had recently come from Poston to work in the regional office. Then I went over to MR. AND MRS. RICHARD CONRAD. I found that Mrs. Conrad (Dr. and Mrs. John A. Foote's daughter HELEN) and the baby were home.

Then on to DENVER! It was Friday morning, June 18 when "The Colorado Eagle" pulled in and the smiling DR. FOOTE was right there to greet me. We arrived at his home and the place surely reminded me of Seattle (My old stamping ground). What a thrill it was! Yes, actually, to be in a large city residential district with broad paved streets, lined with shady trees.

The next day, Saturday, Dr. Foote and I went over to Brighton, Colorado, which is about 20 miles north of Denver. We first went to see REV. EZRA DUNCAN, pastor of First Baptist Church of Brighton and together we called on our relocated CLEARWATER people. We found MR. UCHIZONO cultivating his celery field; the SANADAS, yes, folks, TAKASHI, YURIKO, MARJORIE, and WALTER--all in their famer togs were doing a speedy job of thinning sugar beets. YURIKO broke into a big smile under her sunbonnet. We went over to the KINOSHITAS, YOSHIKO immediately recognized us and came running across the vegetable patch. The next stop was ARIKAWAS. They live on a farm about six miles north of Fort Lupton, which in turn is about six miles from Brighton. MARY ARIKAWA had heard from MASAKO KODAMA of Rohwer that we



were coming, so she happily came to meet us as we drove in. Her mother was weeding sugar beets while dad was cutting hay with a team. On Sunday, June 20, I was invited to preach at the morning and evening services at the First Baptist Church of Brighton. DR. FOOTE preached in Japanese. A Clearwater "get-together" party was held with parents and niseis and camp news was a real treat to our folk. They brought refreshments and say, we wish all of you were there at our reunion meeting. I told them where YOU were and what YOU were doing. Of course, I did what you expected me to do--that is to convey to your friends, your personal greetings. Dr. Foote and I came back to his home Sunday evening where I was a house guest.

MR. JOHN T. HORIE, who is the secretary of Japanese Vegetable growers association of Brighton area, took us to meet the niseis working in the Denver lettuce packing sheds. Plenty of evacuees had gone there to work. We met GEORGE YASUKOCHI of Norwalk, HIROSHI NAKADA and JACK CHIKAMI. Jack really had speed! He would shove crushed ice into wax paper lined crate and taking the trimmed lettuce, he would pack them in "in no time flat".

Then during the week, we started off for Southern Colorado--to the San Luis Valley which is the largest high altitude farming section in the world. Some farms, such as at Monto Vista are situated over 7200 feet high. Therefore, they only have a one-crop season and men must really "make hay while it is day". I met the two young NAKATANI families from Norwalk at their farm in Sanford. Saw the MURAKAMI'S. KATSUMI was away driving a truckload of hay but found KATSUKI and TADASHI and YOSHIO TANABE were among those hoeing cauliflower when we arrived. They invited us to a typical farm dinner and Dr. Foote really handled that chopstick well! The MURAKAMI farm is in Blanca, which is famous for its cauliflower and spinach.

On our calling trip to San Luis Valley, we stayed in various auto cabins and it was my first experience along this line. My partner is a veteran at it and he made fine pancakes in the mornings. Besides being a fine effective missionary, he is a dandy practical cook.

We were in Alamosa on Sunday, July 27, and I was invited to preach at the First Baptist Church there in the morning. REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM M. MILLER of that church is very much interested in the nisei situation. They have sent us materials for Sunday School use. In the evening, we took part in the services at the First Baptist Church of Monto Vista where the REV. EARL R. BARBOUR is pastor.

We went back to KATSUMI MURAKAMI'S farm one evening and had a devotional service. Dr. Foote spoke in Japanese and then I took charge. Delicious refreshments were served.

Next stop was Rocky Ford. There we called on REV. K. UNOURA who had recently relocated from Heart Mountain. We went calling together out into the beet and vegetable gardens. To my great surprise, I met FRANKLIN OKUDA driving a tractor out in the corn field. He was a member of the college Sunday School class that I taught in Berkeley United Church! Of course, we visited the First Baptist Church and the pastor there and had a delightful occasion. Leaving the car there, we took the bus into Lamar. At this time REV. AARON SCHLESSMAN, pastor of the First Baptist church of that city; his family; Dr. Foote and I are enjoying the scenery and breathing deep of the highway zone as we go "sailing" toward the GRANADA RELOCATION CENTER. (To be continued in the September edition).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Your pastor acknowledges with deep appreciation the work that Betty M. Ishibashi and her sister Mrs. Tom Nakamura (Mabel) have done to put out this edition. The art work was done by Mabel. Through these loyal workers, a group of volunteers colored the last edition. We still have few extra copies if you desire it.

A gift of five dollars was received from Masato and Ida Fujimoto in honor of their wedding. They asked that this money be used in publishing costs and postage in mailing Clearwater Clarion Call. Thank you, Masato and Ida!

Tsunoko Imaizumi, now of Layton, Utah donated postage for mailing Clarion Call. Your kind gift is appreciated!

From Miss Roba Hayes, Arkansas Baptist member and teach here, we received two dollars to purchase literature enclosure with mailings. We appreciate her thoughtfulness.

One of the greatest impressions that I received through the trip to Colorado and Wyoming is the fact that our "home town church paper" serves a very definite purpose in keeping Christian contact. It encourages the relocatees and scattered members that we are remembering them. Thus, it encourages them to attend the local church in their respective communities outside.

I want to take this opportunity and thank the Christian friends for their faithful prayers in our behalf. Continue to pray on for the ongoing of God's kingdom depends on the power of God through prayer. "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, Pray without ceasing."

Messages FROM Church Members

MASATO FUJIMOTO: "My wife and Isao has joined me and we have an apartment here in this city. At the present time we are both working in Euclid in a defense industry making things for Army and Navy. I am working in a machine shop and Isao in the care room. Euclid is about eight miles from here. We have our car so it isn't bad commuting.

Rev. Hashimoto was in Cleveland last week and my wife was able to see him. She also met Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa about three weeks ago at the W.R.A. office here in Cleveland.

Will you please send us the Clearwater Church News as we would like to know how everybody else is getting along in this chaos. Greetings to all of our Church friends". New Address: 10212 Wilbur Avenue; Cleveland 6, Ohio.

MABEL NAKAMURA: "Greetings from the south; to each and every one of you in the centers and various parts of the states. Yes, isn't this an amazing world, a year ago we never thought that we will be scattered here and there throughout the faces of the map. Nobody know except our gracious Heavenly Father who knows our every move and what tomorrow may hold for each of us. We may feel discouraged at times and face difficulties but if we trust in Him, He will see us through and show us the way to a spiritual victory. Whatever task we do, let us work with joy in our hearts and do our humble parts, for Jesus Christ our Saviour is there to guide our every step. May the Lord's rich blessing be upon you all till we meet again".

MRS. GEORGE E. SCOTT: "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. This verse is so meaningful especially when perplexing problems come into our pathway. What would we do without the blessed Book.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. Litsey came over and stayed with us until 9:30. We always have such good times together. She brought us one of Mikiko Kiyomuras wedding pictures. It is just beautiful. Those Japanese girls do make the pretty brides. Please give our best regards to the Clearwater members and friends".

SUSIE (MIYOSHI) SUSKI: "Joe and I are looking forward in relocating ourselves. Our destination is in the Chicago area. We are both planning to work and in this way I'm sure we will be able to meet expenses. I was fortunate in being able to take civil service examination here at the center recently and was I happy to learn that I passed both the typist and stenographer's exam. Now I am eligible for governmental employment. I am sure Joe won't have any trouble in finding his type of job as book-keeper or accountant, as our friends all write us jobs are plentiful anywhere now but housing facilities are difficult. May I take this opportunity in extending our 'hello' to all of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Litsey, and the Scotts." (Susie and Joe has now gone out from the Center at publication date).

FRED SUZUKAWA: "I am working in the home of one of the directors of the University of Wisconsin. He gives me every freedom of the place and treats me with high respect. Up to September, we expect to spend our vacation at his resort home beside the lakes. The country out there is more beautiful still than here for it is covered with virgin forests. I am certain that I will have a very enjoyable time there, but the greatest joy of all is leading a Christian life. Convey my best regards to Satoshi and other Clearwater friends".

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to announce the engagement of MITZY MIYOSHI to GEORGE IZU. The glad tidings was revealed at the celebration of Joan and Joe Miyoshi's first wedding anniversary at Overton, Nevada.

WEDDING BELLS!

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Cpl. and Mrs. Kenichi Matsuoka. Mrs. Matsuoka is the former Lily Imamoto of Norwalk. The wedding ceremony took place in Minnesota on June. Write them in care of Mrs. W. Davidson; R. F. D. #6; Stillwater, Minnesota.

We are also happy over the wedding of Toi Tsuji to PFC. Ted Hoshi. The ceremony was performed by the Army Chaplain at the chapel in Fort Bliss, Texas on August 18. Their address is: Co. A.; 1815 Unit; Fort Bliss, Texas.

Kenji Sakano and Louise Taniguchi were married at the First Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri on August 17, 1943. Pastor made a one-week trip to Missouri to attend the wedding. Louise was formerly of Los Angeles and had been living in Rohwer. Congratulations and best wishes! The newlyweds are now re-located at 552 Fullerton Parkway; Chicago. If you are ever in Chicago, please go and visit them.

Cpl. Sam Sechi who recently came back from the Foreign Service is now stationed in Camp Shelby. Write to him in care of: Co. K.; 442 Inf. Regt.; Camp Shelby, Mississippi. We are all proud of our nisei soldiers and trust that God will grant His riches blessing upon them.

Masao Kitada led the Boy Scouts camping trip to the sandy banks of the Mississippi River recently. Ninety three Rohwer Boy Scouts plus Boy Scouts from the Jerome and Arkansas City enjoyed their five day camping trip. Masao is doing a great work among the Boy Scouts as well as an faithful church member.

Bob Sato is working in the mess management here. His brother Minoru is attending a St. Louis Vocational School and is learning welding. Harry Takahama of Jerome is visiting in Rohwer (August 25). Alice Inamoto is planning to attend Oberlin College in Ohio this fall and study music. Hiroshi and Mari Tsuji, Louise Ogawa are enjoying summer vacation now. Masako, Chiyoko, and Hiroko Kodama will leave with her folks to go to Tule Lake in September. Kay Nakashima is still in the camp hospital here. Please pray for her.

Fred Ige, Noboru Ishibashi, Taka Horikiri, Min and Shigeru Fujita, Hideo Sechi, Koichi and Isao Tsuji are working near St. Louis, Missouri. Harry Murakami is helping in Heart Mountain Church during his summer vacation from Wheaton College. Satoshi Hayashida is working in the garage while his brother Takeshi checks farm tools at the warehouse.

Mitsuko (Ikogami) Kimura sorts mail at the post office. Sotsuko Fujita works in the hospital office. Yukio Fujikawa is still out in the Montana sugar beet field work. Sadako Hayashida works in the Administration office. Toshiko Shirley Horikiri is busy playing with Rev. K. T. Shiraishi's daughter. Their presence and help at the Vacation Bible School were appreciated by the teachers. Helen Miyoko Horikiri and Mabel Nakamura are new Sunday School teachers at block #2. Three of our Clearwater members were elected into the Nisei Church Board, Bette Ishibashi as Vice Chairman; Helen Ige as assistant Treasurer; Mabel Nakamura as Membership Chairman.

Rev. and Mrs. James Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Litsey of Downey are busy as ever. Rev. and Mrs. Warren Wyrick (my knudging pal) formerly of Clearwater are now doing fine work at the First Baptist Church of Oakley, California. Mrs. Lena C. Welch--how are you??

I have asked our Bette to write about her school life and graduation exercises. She is certainly doing fine work and is much appreciated here by all. Pastor's note.

THE "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL"

The afternoon sun was beginning to cast long shadow across our home in Clearwater when I saw my mother and asked her for permission to attend the "House Beautiful" which is known as the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TRAINING SCHOOL in Louisville, Kentucky. I know not how it happened but after three days of prayerful consideration, my mother gave me her consent to attend at least one year of missionary training.

Happy and grateful to our Eternal God for answered prayers, I finally left from the Los Angeles depot on September 25, 1941 for the "House Beautiful". The trip was very pleasant and I was privileged to make friends on the train. After three days and nights of traveling I reached Louisville, the place where I looked forward with keen anticipation.

The taxi driver took me through Cherokee Park in a sort of "hide and seek" hunt for the Treasure the new "House Beautiful". Suddenly, as I looked up, there just over the hill stood a beautiful building which was somewhat like a dream castle. As I stood in amazement I began to realize why they called it "House Beautiful".



Truly no words are adequate to describe the magnificent building which is dedicated for the 'cause of Christ'.

As I entered the building I was met by the principal, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn and with her were four senior girls. I was overcome with their friendliness and immediately I began to feel at home though I was the only nisei student. I was soon led to the second floor and to my room as I was fatigued from the long trip. I met my room-mate, Margaret Collins, a student from Georgia. We both had a good laugh before going to bed because it was unusual for Margaret to listen to a northerner, and more unusual for me to hear a girl from the "deep South". Our Christian Fellowship developed and became more precious.

The very next morning I entered Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel and there listened to a message which inspired us. We met in this Chapel every morning from 7:00 to 7:30 and held time of meditation and sought the divine guidance of our Lord for the day's work.

The dining room with its gaily flowered wall paper and two big fire places made me feel like a little 'princess'. I loved the formality of the meals and acquired some grace in being at ease. The four beautiful parlors, the hall ways, and the class rooms all reminded me of the words "House Beautiful".

As the days went by I began to realize the true meaning of "House Beautiful". It was not only because of the beauty of the building itself, but more so of the spirit that reigned within and among the leaders and the students. Their loving spirit became more meaningful and precious to me after the experience from 'Pearl Harbor'. I cannot ever forget Miss Littlejohn and her kindness bestowed upon me. Truly, I was fortunate to have her as my guide and friend. I shall always picture "House Beautiful" with Miss Littlejohn as the most sympathetic and understanding person with whom I came in contact.

Due to Pearl Harbor, my family insisted upon my staying another year to complete the training. The second year meant more to me. It was a joy to stay with the faculty and staff members during the summer session and to become acquainted with them personally.

The months passed by rapidly. Already, we Seniors had fitted our white caps and gowns, the processional, "Take the light" had been rehearsed, and some girls were already packing their trunks. It was all so exciting and after we received our much waited diplomas on May 7, 1943, I could not help but go to my room and search my own heart. "Have I thanked my Lord enough for the privileges, the joys, the opportunities given to me in "House Beautiful"? Have I been worthy a Training School girl in the light of sacrifices, the ideals, the plans of the Baptist women in the Southland and friends in California? Have I been a good representative for the Japanese people?" All these thoughts and challenges came before me and I knew that with the two years of Missionary Training I must do my utmost to live closer to my Saviour and lead the people to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The happiest and the most profitable two years were spent in the "House Beautiful". I trust and pray that other American Japanese Christians may have the same opportunity.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling; and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever."



DR. RALPH L. MAYBERRY

Well known to the Japanese Baptist Church members, Dr. Ralph L. Mayberry, executive Secretary of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society has come all the way from the West Coast to visit his friends in the centers here in Arkansas. He is remembered by all for his dynamic personality and

inspiring messages. He spoke at the Rohwer Federated Christian Church on August 8. It was a joy to have him with us but Dr. Mayberry's presence brought back many precious memories. Rev. Shiraishi and pastor accompanied him to the Jerome Center.

Rev. K. T. Shiraishi, pastor of the Gardena Baptist Church "Greetings fellow Baptists! Harper Sakaue came to me this morning and asked that I write this greetings and news which may be of interest to you. We miss you friends but what a joy to know that someday we shall meet again if it be accordance to our Heavenly Father's divine will. Wherever you are, remember to work diligently for our Master.

An impressive baptismal service was held at East Hall here on Sunday afternoon, August 15. A joint ceremony with Rev. Yoshinatsu Oyama of the Free Methodist Church baptizing Mr. Goto soon after I baptized Mr. Setsuji Kodama of Gardena. It was certainly a time of spiritual rejoicing for all who attended the baptismal service.

Mr. E. Mizobe left for Grand Junction, Colorado on August 13 for a seasonal work. He wrote to me about his safe arrival and "yoroshiku" to all.

The Vacation Bible School for children under juniors are being held since August 16 in three places under the direction of Mrs. Shiraishi, Mrs. Yamauchi and Mrs. Fukushima. The school #1 seemed to be a Baptist school because all of the teaching staff are Baptists: Mrs. Shiraishi, Mrs. Yoshida, Misses Kakohashi, Sakano, Kashiwagi, Ayako and Reiko Shiraishi.

Rev. Sakano and Miss Bette Ishibashi has made trips to Baptist Camps for boys and girls in different localities recently. They brought back ample donation as result of their labor to be used in our Vacation Bible School. It was indeed an unexpected blessing on this work.

Now, may the grace and peace of God abide with you. My best regards to all of you".

DR. ARTHUR TAKII of Terminal Island Baptist Church.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Takii now of Jerome. Mrs. Takii is the former Ruby Inoshita of Heart Mountain. The wedding ceremony was performed at Lake Village, Arkansas on August 9.

DENVER HIGHLIGHT

A delightful surprise in Denver was the meeting of three nisei Baptist ministers. When I arrived in the Colorado capitol city, I learned that Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa of Poston arrived and was enroute to New York City on a speaking tour. Then presently, Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama of Minidoka came into town after having attended the Estes Park Student Conference.

With Dr. Royal H. Fisher, Dr. John A. Footo, Dr. Henry G. Smith of Calvary Baptist Church of Denver and the three of us, we had a discussion meeting at the home of Dr. Footo. Three sections of the country were represented. What a joy it was to have this meeting.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR FROM BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

It is our happy privilege to have with us Reiji Hoshizaki, a brilliant ministerial student at Baylor University (Baptist) of Waco, Texas. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Hoshizaki of Vacaville, California now in Gila Relocation Center. The Christian friends in Texas consider him a "spiritual giant" and "top-notch Christian" because of his powerful testimony. We feel quite honored to have him as our distinguished visitor and also to have him speak to us on September 5. He has already delivered inspiring messages at our Sunday Fellowship hour and Wednesday prayer meeting. I have asked him to write a greeting or a message. Pastor's note.

Greetings to my new friends. As a visitor from Texas to this Center, I must say that I am thoroughly enjoying my stay here. The fellowship with nisei Christians is a great joy and inspiration to me. To see the great work that is being done by all inspite of all kinds of handicaps, is a great testimony to our Lord. May God continue to bless. I am reminded of Paul's wonderful testimony to the Philipians while he was in Roman prison (Philippians 1:12 - 14). "But I would ye should understand brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; and many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." We, as niseis are a peculiar people both in facial features and in position--but did not the Lord say we are peculiar people? Therefore, it presents to us double challenge and a wonderful opportunity to testify for our Master and for the furtherance of the gospel. God give us strength to do so.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Reiji Hoshizaki

If you like this issue, I would appreciate your word to Bette Ishibashi, 13-1-13 and Mrs. Tom Nakamura (Mabel), 10-7-E, Reliance.

Please notify your pastor of change of address

We want your News for the next issue!

*Yours in His service,
K. H. Sakano*